

Maryland State Office of Rural Health

The Maryland **State Office of Rural Health (SORH)** is federally funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration's **Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP)** to provide technical assistance to rural entities throughout Maryland; coordinate rural health resources and activities; encourage recruitment and retention; collect and disseminate information; and promote local, state, and federal partnerships.

MISSION

The Maryland **SORH's** mission is to improve the quality of healthcare for all rural Marylanders by developing strong partnerships; building local resources; promoting relevant state and national rural health policies; and supporting efforts to recruit and retain health care providers in rural areas.

SORH PRIORITIES

- Technical Assistance
- Rural Recruitment and Retention
- Collecting and Disseminating Information
- Coordinating Rural Health Interests and Activities

WHO WE SERVE

- Local Health Departments
- Rural Hospitals
- Health Care Providers
- Federal, State, and Local Governments
- Economic Development and Business sectors
- Community and Advocacy groups
- Colleges and Universities

WHAT WE OFFER

- Recruitment and retention (For more information, visit www.3rnet.org.)
- Technical Assistance
- Information Clearinghouse and Data Support
- Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)
- Funding for the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)s
- Support to Maryland Rural Stakeholder groups
- Policy Analysis and Information
- Funding Alerts and Quarterly Newsletters (*Maryland Rural Health News and Notes*)

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, through the Office of Health Policy and Planning (OHPP), administers the **SORH** program. For more information, visit: <http://fha.state.md.us/ohpp/ruralhlth/>

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